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| | | Examiner Name | La Villa, Michael E. |
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| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee | 0 |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee | 0 |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee | 0 |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. |
| 2053 | 130 | 2053 | 130 Non-English specification |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 1404 | 330 | 2401 | 165 Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 2451 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 130 | 2460 | 130 Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 | 770 | 1809 | 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application |
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Art Group: 1762

Examiner: La Villa, Michael E.

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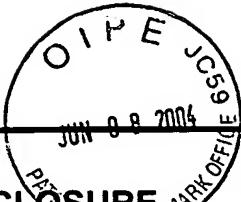
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